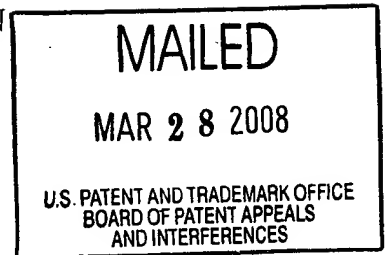


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: NANCY W. Y. HO AND ZHENG-DAO CHEN

Application No. 09/180,340



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 25, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on September 30, 2005. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208.

CONCLUSION

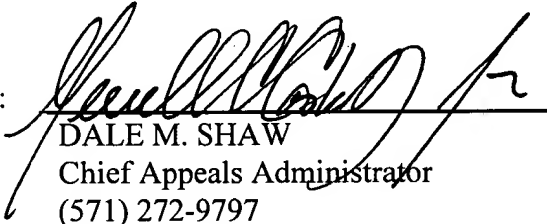
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for the following:

- 1) to consider the Reply Brief filed September 30, 2005 as indicated above; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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